

Name: Answers / Solutions

Directions for # 1-4: For each rational function:

1. Identify an equation for each vertical asymptote (VA), if any exist.
2. Identify an equation for each horizontal asymptote (HA), if any exist.
3. Identify the coordinates of all x-intercepts, if any exist.
4. Identify the coordinates of a y-intercept, if one exists.
5. Identify any value of x for which the graph has a hole.
6. Draw a neat and accurate graph of the function.

1. (8 pts) $f(x) = \frac{8}{x-2}$

VA: $x=2$

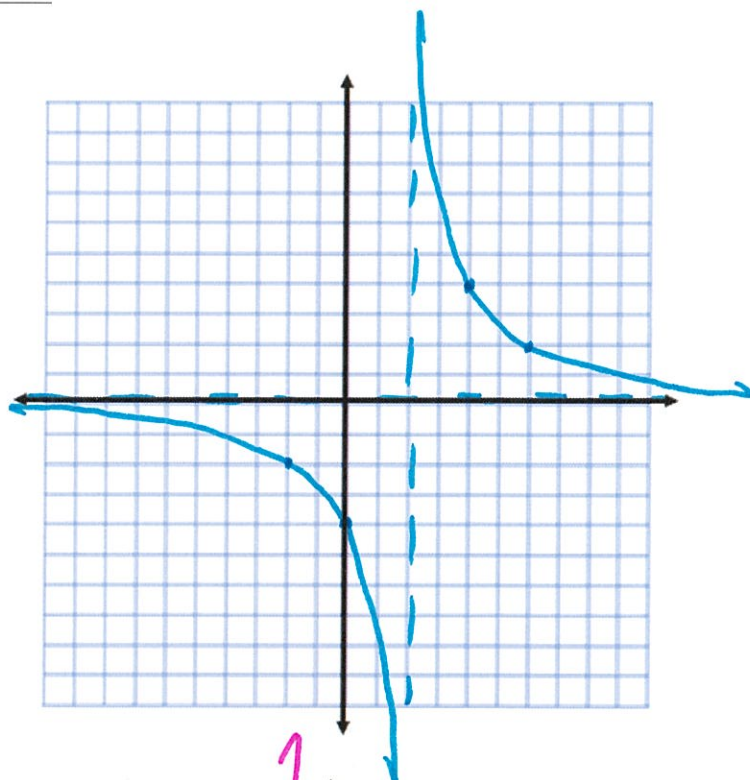
HA: $y=0$

X-Intercept(s): *None*

Y-Intercept: $(0, -4)$

X-Value of Hole: *None*

X	Y
6	2



2. (8 pts) $f(x) = \frac{x-4}{x+1}$

VA: $x=-1$

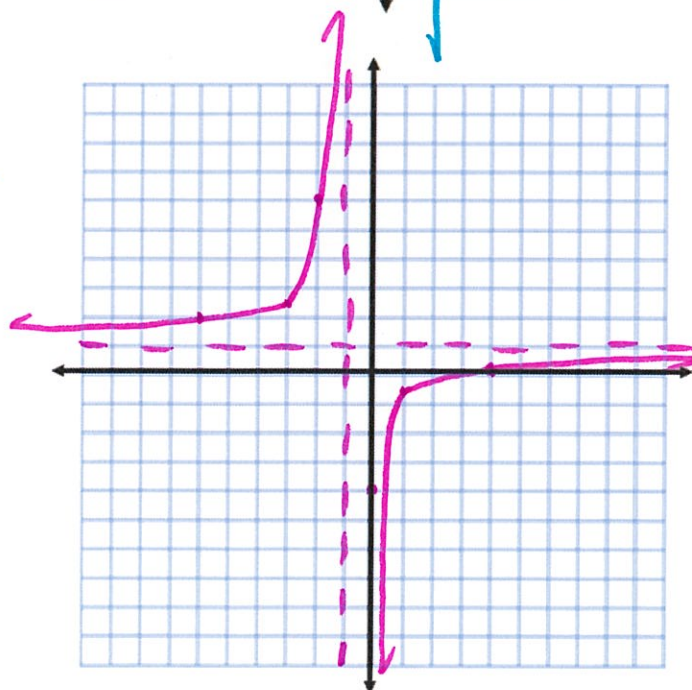
HA: $y=1$

X-Intercept(s): $(4, 0)$

Y-Intercept: $(0, -4)$

X-Value of Hole: *None*

X	Y
1	$-\frac{3}{2}$



3. (8 pts) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 3}$ or $f(x) = \frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{x-3}$

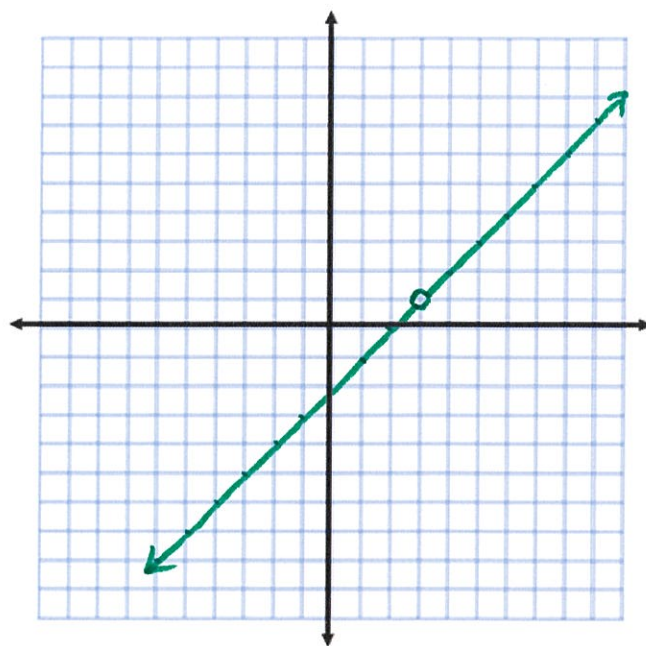
VA: **None**

HA: **None**

X-Intercept(s): **(2, 0)**

Y-Intercept: **(0, -2)**

X-Value of Hole: **x = 3**



4. (8 pts) $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x^2 + x - 2}$ or $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{(x+2)(x-1)}$

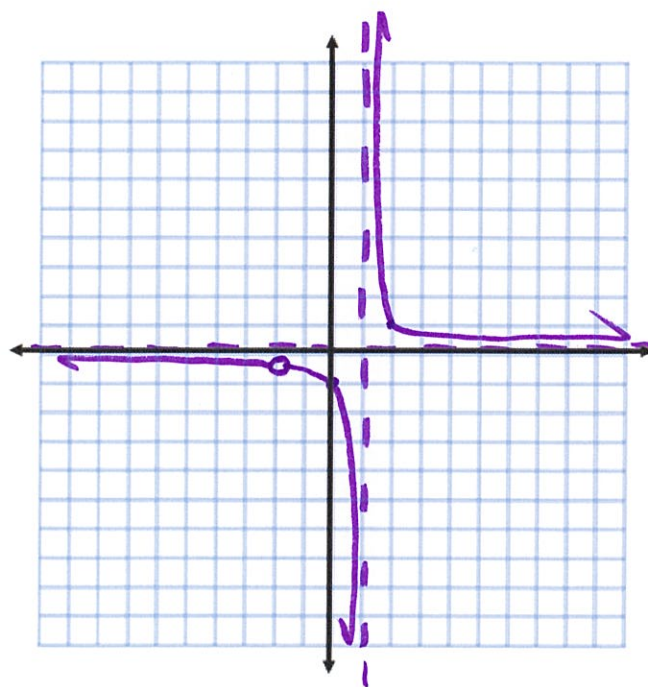
VA: **x = 1**

HA: **y = 0**

X-Intercept(s): **None**

Y-Intercept: **(0, -1)**

X-Value of Hole: **x = -2**



Directions for #'s 5-11: Multiple Choice

5. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 - 4x - 21}$ has the following domain:
- a. $D: \mathbb{R}, x \neq -3, x \neq 3$
 - b. $D: \mathbb{R}, x \neq -7, x \neq 3$
 - ☒ c. $D: \mathbb{R}, x \neq -3, x \neq 7$
 - d. $D: \mathbb{R}, x \neq -21, x \neq -4$
 - e. $D: \mathbb{R}$
6. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{x-8}{x^2-25}$ has an x-intercept with coordinates:
- a. $(0, 8)$
 - b. $(5, 0)$
 - ☒ c. $(8, 0)$
 - d. $\left(0, \frac{8}{25}\right)$
 - e. There is no x-intercept
7. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{10}{x^2-4}$ has a horizontal asymptote with equation:
- ☒ a. $y = 0$
 - b. $x = 2$
 - c. $y = 10$
 - d. $x = -2$ & $x = 2$
 - e. There is no horizontal asymptote
8. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 16}{x^2 - 16}$ has a hole at:
- a. $y = -1$
 - b. $y = 1$
 - c. $x = -4$
 - ☒ d. $x = 4$
 - e. There is no hole
- $f(x) = \frac{(x-4)(x-4)}{(x-4)(x+4)}$

9. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{x-8}{x^2-16}$ has a y-intercept with coordinates:

- a. $(8,0)$
- b. $(0,2)$
- c. $(0,8)$
- ☒ d. $(0, \frac{1}{2})$
- e. There is no y-intercept

10. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{x^2-9x+14}{x^2+4x-12}$ has an x-intercept(s) with coordinates:

- a. $(2,0)$ & $(-6,0)$
- ☒ b. $(7,0)$ only
- c. $(2,0)$ only
- d. $(2,0)$ & $(7,0)$
- e. There is no x-intercept

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-7)(x-2)}{(x+6)(x-2)}$$

11. (4 pts) The rational function $f(x) = \frac{6x^2+3x-1}{2x^2-18}$ has a horizontal asymptote with equation:

- a. $y=6$
- b. $x=3$
- c. $y=0$
- ☒ d. $y=3$
- e. None of the above

Directions for # 12-16: For each rational function:

1. Identify an equation for each vertical asymptote (VA), if any exist.
2. Identify an equation for each horizontal asymptote (HA), if any exist.
3. Identify the coordinates of all x-intercepts, if any exist.
4. Identify the coordinates of a y-intercept, if one exists.
5. Identify any value of x for which the graph has a hole.
6. Write an equation for the rational function.

12. (8 pts)

VA: $x = -4$

HA: $y = 0$

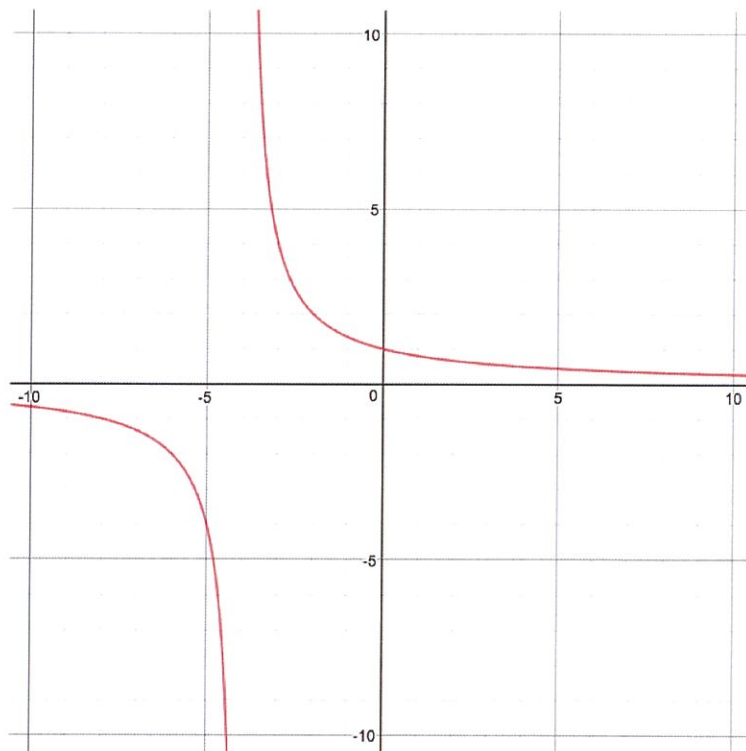
X-Intercept(s): *None*

Y-Intercept: $(0, 1)$

X-Value of Hole: *None*

Equation:

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{x+4}$$



13. (8 pts)

VA: $x = -1$

HA: $y = 3$

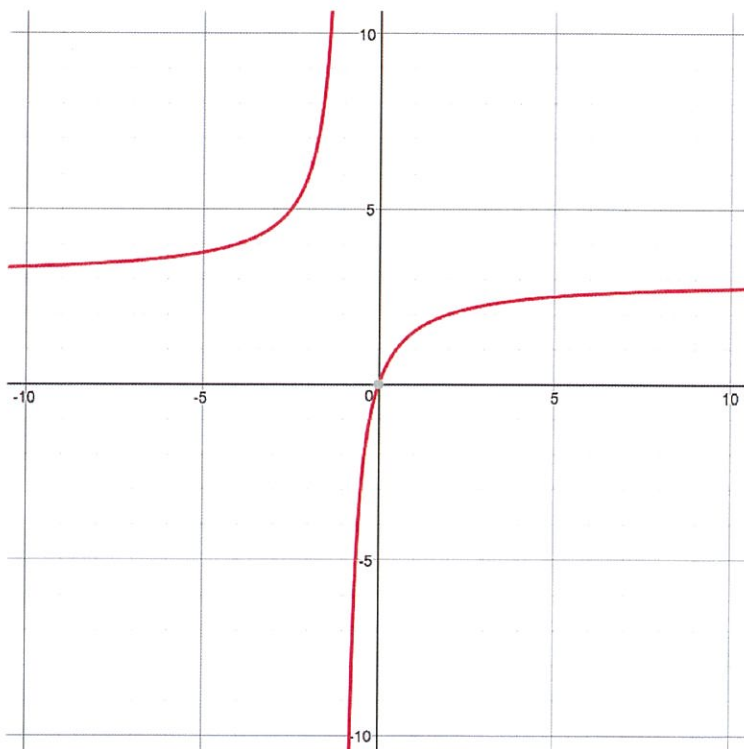
X-Intercept(s): $(0, 0)$

Y-Intercept: $(0, 0)$

X-Value of Hole: *None*

Equation:

$$g(x) = \frac{3x}{x+1}$$



14. (8 pts)

VA: $x = -2$

HA: $y = 2$

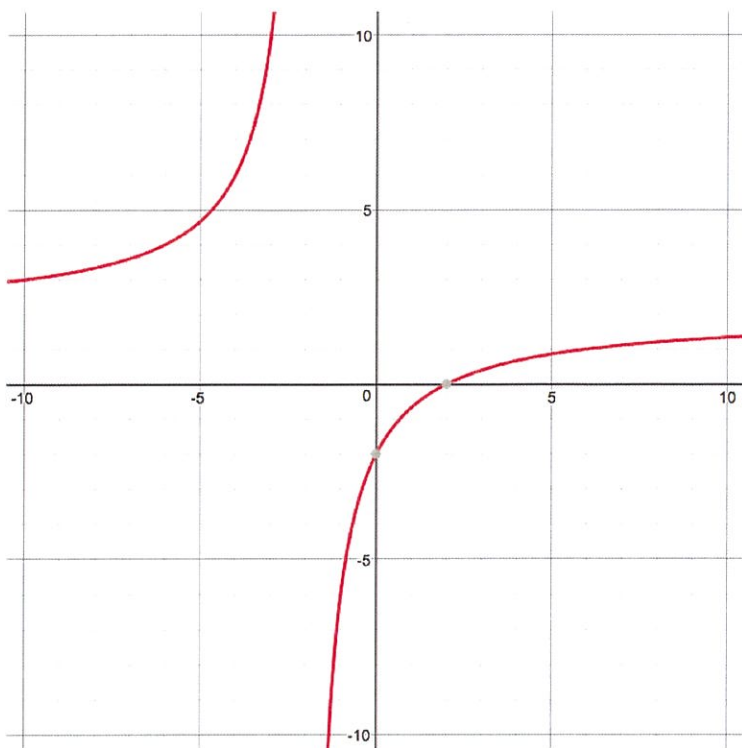
X-Intercept(s): $(2, 0)$

Y-Intercept: $(0, -2)$

X-Value of Hole: *None*

Equation:

$$p(x) = \frac{2(x-2)}{x+2}$$



15. (8 pts)

VA: *None*

HA: *None*

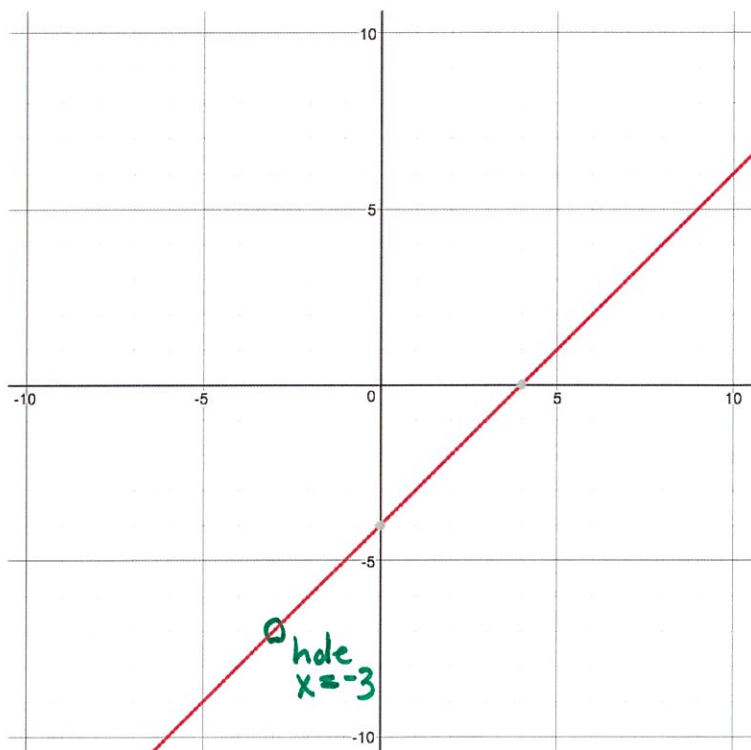
X-Intercept(s): $(4, 0)$

Y-Intercept: $(0, -4)$

X-Value of Hole: $x = -3$

Equation:

$$T(x) = \frac{(x+3)(x-4)}{(x+3)}$$



16. (8 pts)

VA: $x = -1$

HA: $y = 0$

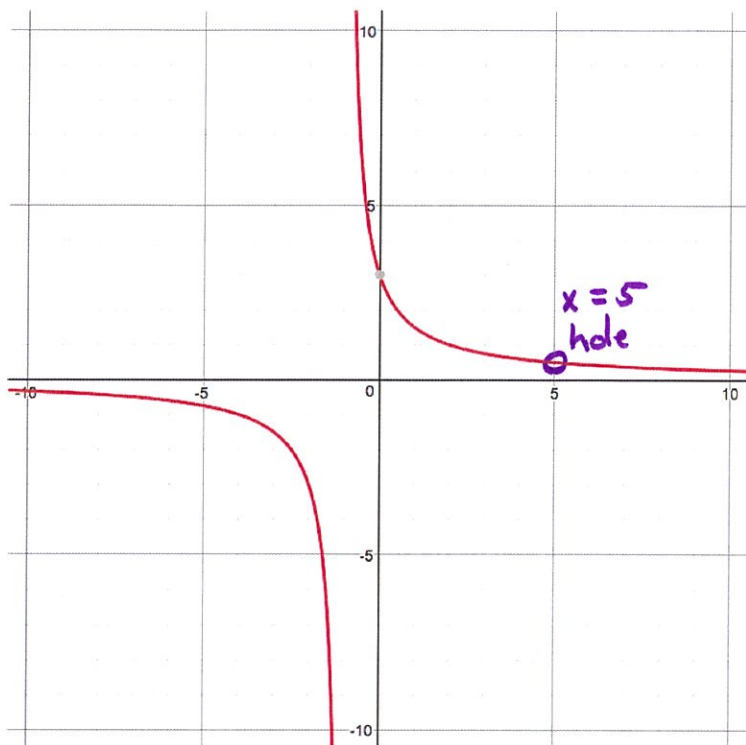
X-Intercept(s): *None*

Y-Intercept: $(0, 3)$

X-Value of Hole: $x = 5$

Equation:

$$K(x) = \frac{3(x-5)}{(x-5)(x+1)}$$



Optional Extra Credit

A. (8 pts) $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 3}{x^2 + 2x - 3} = \frac{3(x-1)(x+1)}{(x+3)(x-1)}$

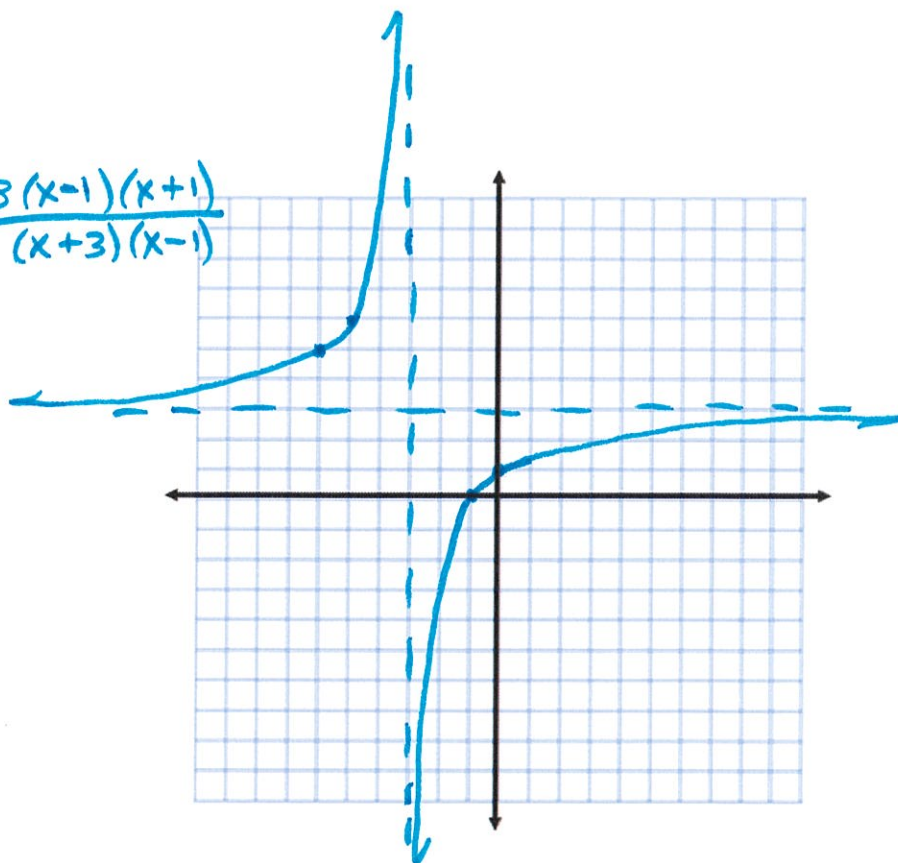
VA: $x = -3$

HA: $y = 3$

X-Intercept(s): $(-1, 0)$

Y-Intercept: $(0, 1)$

X-Value of Hole: $x = 1$



B. (8 pts)

VA: $x = 2$ and $x = -3$

HA: $y = 0$

X-Intercept(s): $(-6, 0)$

Y-Intercept: $(0, -1)$

X-Value of Hole: *None*

Equation:

$$f(x) = \frac{x+6}{(x-2)(x+3)}$$

